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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the long-term living system in Iowa including
2 establishment of the intent for Iowa's long-term living
3 system.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 231E.1 INTENT FOR IOWA'S LONG=
1 2 TERM LIVING SYSTEM.
1 3 1. The general assembly finds and declares that the intent
1 4 for Iowa's long-term living system is to ensure all Iowans
1 5 access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and
1 6 cost-effective long-term living options that maximize
1 7 independence, choice, and dignity for consumers.
1 8 2. The long-term living system should be comprehensive,
1 9 offering multiple services and support in home, community=
1 10 based, and facility-based settings; should utilize a universal
1 11 assessment process to ensure that such services and support
1 12 are delivered in the most integrated and life-enhancing
1 13 setting; and should ensure that such services and support are
1 14 provided by a well-trained, motivated workforce.
1 15 3. The long-term living system should exist in a
1 16 regulatory climate that appropriately ensures the health,
1 17 safety, and welfare of consumers, while not being overly
1 18 restrictive or inflexible.
1 19 4. The long-term living system should sustain existing
1 20 informal care systems including family, friends, volunteers,
1 21 and community resources; should encourage innovation through
1 22 the use of technology and new delivery and financing models,
1 23 including housing; should provide incentives to consumers for
1 24 private financing of long-term living services and support;
1 25 and should allow Iowans to live independently as long as they
1 26 desire.
1 27 5. Information regarding all components of the long-term
1 28 living system should be effectively communicated to all
1 29 persons potentially impacted by the need for long-term living
1 30 services and support in order to empower consumers to plan,
1 31 evaluate, and make decisions about how best to meet their own
1 32 long-term living needs.
1 33 Sec. 2. LONG-TERM LIVING == PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES.
1 34 1. The department of human services, the department of
1 35 elder affairs, and the Iowa department of public health shall
2 1 work together to coordinate efforts to provide access to
2 2 sufficient informational and educational resources to assist
2 3 individuals in making informed choices to address their long=
2 4 term living needs.
2 5 2. The department of human services, the department of
2 6 elder affairs, and the Iowa department of public health shall
2 7 submit a plan to the governor and the general assembly no
2 8 later than October 1, 2005, specifying all of the following:
2 9 a. The various assessment tools utilized for programs and
2 10 services under the purview of each department and any
2 11 recommendations for combining such tools.
2 12 b. Recommendations for coordinating state efforts to
2 13 provide access to informational and educational resources to
2 14 assist individuals in making informed choices to address their
2 15 long-term living needs.

EXPLANATION

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2 17 This bill establishes a state intent for the long-term
2 18 living system in Iowa. The system is to ensure all Iowans
2 19 access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and
2 20 cost-effective long-term living options that maximize
2 21 independence, choice, and dignity. The system is to be
2 22 comprehensive, utilize a universal assessment process, and
2 23 ensure that services and support are provided by a well-
2 24 trained, motivated workforce. The bill directs that the long-
2 25 term living system exist in a regulatory climate that
2 26 appropriately ensures the health, safety, and welfare of
2 27 consumers, while not being overly restrictive or inflexible.
2 28 The bill provides that the system should sustain existing
2 29 informal care systems, encourage innovation, provide
2 30 incentives to consumers for private financing of long-term
2 31 living services and support, and allow Iowans to live
2 32 independently as long as they desire. The bill directs that
2 33 information regarding all components of the long-term living
2 34 system should be effectively communicated to all persons
2 35 potentially impacted by the need for long-term living services
3 1 and support in order to empower consumers to plan, evaluate,
3 2 and make decisions about how best to meet their own long-term
3 3 living needs.

3 4 The bill directs the department of human services, the
3 5 department of elder affairs, and the Iowa department of public
3 6 health to work together to coordinate efforts to provide
3 7 access to sufficient informational and educational resources
3 8 to assist individuals in making informed choices to address
3 9 their long-term care needs. The bill also directs these
3 10 departments to submit a plan to the governor and the general
3 11 assembly no later than October 1, 2005, specifying the various
3 12 assessment tools utilized for programs and services under the
3 13 purview of each department and any recommendations for
3 14 combining such tools, and recommendations for coordinating
3 15 state efforts to provide access to informational and
3 16 educational resources to assist individuals in making informed
3 17 choices to address their long-term living needs.

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